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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An optical recording medium comprising a substrate and a laser-writable and/or readable recording layer provided thereon, wherein said recording layer contains a chelate dye comprising two or more azo compounds having different structures and a divalent or more metal ion, and said azo compounds are selected from

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